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Curios and Relics
Furniture
Beds
Made by Thomas Lincoln

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ASHLAND WOMAN HAS BED LINCOLN'S FATHER MADE

Mrs. C. L. Jones Tells How Little Article of Furniture
Was Made for Child Because Bigger Lumber
Was Not Available

ASHLAND, Ky., June 29—(By The Associated Press)—A doll bed—claimed to be an example of the handicraft of Abraham Lincoln's father—is in the possession of Mrs. C. L. Jones of Ashland.

The bed, made of yellow poplar, is presumed to have been made in about the year 1818 by Thomas Lincoln for a child of whom he was most fond.

The child became ill, according to information in Mrs. Jones' possession and Lincoln told her he would make her a bed like those she had heard described often by one Stephen Jefferson, who was one of the "travelled"

gentry of the section. (He had once been over into Indiana!)

Lincoln started work on the bed, but couldn't find lumber long enough, so being a man who never cared much for hard work, he abandoned the idea of a large bed and made the small one.

"It is for your rag doll," he told the child. "Besides, it is much better than the big bed."

The doll bed has come down through the generations, and now is preserved as a Lincoln curio by Mrs. Jones.

"Perhaps some day I shall give it to a museum," she said today.



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